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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
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Re: D.T.E. 03-121, NSTAR Electric Standby Rate Tariffs

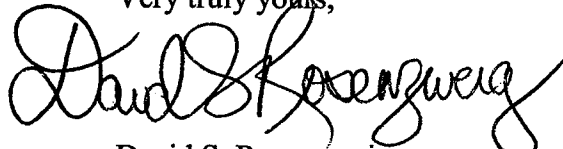
Dear Secretary Cottrell:

I am writing to request an extension of the briefing schedule in the above-reference proceeding in order to enable parties to engage in settlement discussions directed at addressing the pending issues under consideration in this case. This request is supported by NSTAR Electric, the Division of Energy Resources, The Energy Consortium, the New England Distributed Generation Coalition, the Joint Supporters, the Solar Energy Business Association of New England and the Conservation Law Foundation. To that end, the parties request that the briefing schedule be amended as follows:

Intervenor Initial Briefs	June 2, 2004
Company Initial Brief	June 11, 2004
Intervenor Reply Briefs	June 18, 2004
Company Reply Brief	June 25, 2004

I have enclosed a Certificate of Service. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


David S. Rosenzweig

Enclosure

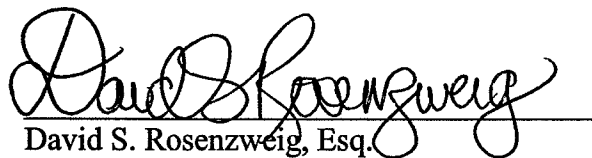
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

Boston Edison Company)
Cambridge Electric Light Company)
Commonwealth Electric Company)
d/b/a NSTAR Electric)

D.T.E. 03-121

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served the foregoing documents upon the service list
in the above-docketed proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 220 C.M.R.
1.05.



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